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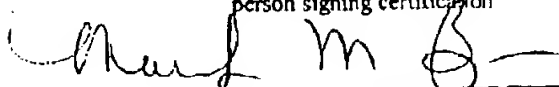
Applicant : Claus Frohberg
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Filed : May 31, 2001
For : NUCLEIC ACID MOLECULE CODING FOR β -AMYLASE,
PLANTS SYNTHESIZING A MODIFIED STARCH, METHOD
OF PRODUCTION AND APPLICATIONS
Examiner: : R. Kallis
Group Art Unit : 1638

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EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
RESPONSE AFTER FINAL ACTION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116**FACSIMILE**

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SECOND AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL OFFICE ACTION
WITH REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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This is in response to the Advisory Action mailed on January 16, 2004, and in further
response to the Office Action mailed on September 10, 2003.

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), a three-month extension of the period for reply, *i.e.*, to up to and including March 10, 2004, is requested. The Commissioner is authorized to charge \$950.00 in payment of the fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a), any additional required fee for this extension of time or any other fee occasioned by this paper, or credit any overpayment in such fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

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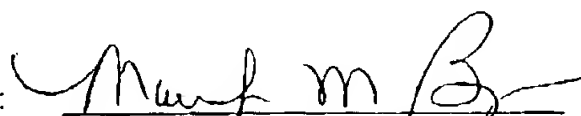
CONCLUSION

In view of the remarks and amendments herewith, it is believed that the application is in condition for allowance, or at least in better condition for appeal. Entry and consideration of this Amendment, favorable reconsideration of the application and prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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